

ECONOMIC COUNCIL LETTER

Published Semi-Monthly by

NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL, Inc.

Empire State Bldg., New York 1, N. Y.
903 First National Bank Bldg., Utica 2, N. Y.

Council Letter No. 337
June 15, 1954

The Segregation Decision

Federal Usurpation of State and Local Rights

THE Segregation decision of the Supreme Court handed down May 17, 1954 was a momentous incident. Impressive because unanimous, this decision is nevertheless an outright invasion of States' rights by the Judiciary. Many thoughtful Negroes are dissatisfied with it. A law or judicial decision compelling segregation might be bad; but a decision compelling racial mixing is infinitely worse.

The Tenth Amendment to the Constitution provides that "the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution nor prohibited by it to the States are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." Nothing in the Constitution or in any Amendment thereto gives the slightest power to any branch of the Federal Government to regulate or control education. Education has always been considered to be a function of the states and the people in their localities. If the Federal Government can tell the states and the people what to do about education, it can dictate to them in everything else.

The effect of the decision, which may well be circumvented in certain of the Southern States, is to add vastly greater power to the Federal Government—to the Executive, thereby rendering it all the easier for a Communist or Fascist Government to seize power in the United States.

In the early days of the Roosevelt Administration, Communist propaganda plugged for the division of the U. S. into six or eight zones, thus abolishing the states. Communists know that so

long as state and local government remains strong, Communism has no chance in America. The Segregation decision will not affect the Northern and Western states. But some of the Southern states, either by abolishing public schools, as South Carolina a year ago decided to do, resent it greatly.

As matter of fact race relations in America have steadily improved, in both North and South. For three years there have been no lynchings in the United States. But steady and wholesome improvement in race relations is not what the Communists want. Hence this decision, adding as it does to the many problems and to the national dangers of these days, serves only Communist aims.

A PROMINENT New York lawyer has suggested that in our listing in Council Letter 336 of 16 "downward steps" the U. S. Government has taken since 1933 we did not mention the betrayal of China at Yalta and our subsequent abandonment of China to the Communists.

We should have mentioned this. It was one of the most important steps leading to our present precarious situation. The 16 steps we listed were called "some of the downward steps." Of course, there were more.

A witness in an earlier Congressional inquiry into Communism was asked how he knew a certain person was a Communist. He replied that when he saw a creature that looked like a duck, waddled

like a duck, swam like a duck, and went with ducks, he knew it was a duck.

But persistent Communist propaganda seems able to convince many it is *not* a duck, just as today such propaganda has blinded many good citizens to Communist activities abroad and at home. It is blinding them to the constant and repeated blows at American liberty and independence that continue to build up the power and prestige of Soviet Russia.

All these moves have been secret—at least in the sense that vital facts with respect thereto were withheld from the people. Complete secrecy shrouded what transpired at the Yalta meeting where disastrous agreements were entered into. **It is not unlikely that agreements still undivulged, entered into years ago by representatives of the United States, and from which vital American interests are suffering, or are yet to suffer, are still in effect.**

The secret scheming of President Roosevelt and his lieutenants by which the United States was catapulted into an unwanted war in 1941 is an illustration of the evils of secrecy. Likewise the stealing of United States atomic and other secrets was of course unknown to the American people. Those traitorous thefts could hardly have been perpetrated without the connivance of persons high in the White House.

The dismantling of German plants, most of which were shipped to Russia, had an element of secrecy because both our Government and left-wing newswriters and commentators either ignored them or put interpretations on them that prevented the American people from understanding what was going on.

We are glad to see the Administration has now taken steps to prevent the further sending of arms by Soviet Russia or her satellites into Guatemala. This was at best a belated response to repeated warnings.

Spruille Braden, who served as American Ambassador to Colombia, Cuba and Argentina and as Assistant Secretary of State for Latin America until he resigned in June 1947, has been for more than a decade a voice crying in the wilderness warning of the Red Peril in Latin America.

In an Economic Council Paper, of July 15, 1953, we published excerpts from Mr. Braden's

Dartmouth College address, and with his cooperation distributed thousands of copies of his complete address "The Communist Threat in the Americas."

We followed this with another Council Paper on August 15 in which we showed from the Communist *Daily Worker* how the Latin American Reds were moving for "united action" while "between the imbecilic policies of the American State Department and the paralysis of initiative of many, but by no means all, business leaders who are responsible for big enterprises in Latin America but wait for *someone else* to do their job, communization of the other Americas proceeds as planned."

Now, why have we been spending billions on the other side of the earth (in Korea, India, Indo-China, etc.) to defeat Communism, and very little in our own hemisphere? Why does the Administration even suggest the sending of American boys to fight and die in Indo-China, while apparently not even thinking of using the 600,000 men of Chiang Kai-shek on Formosa, or any of the several hundred thousand South Koreans?

As Mr. E. M. Biggers of Houston, Texas, recently asked, "Why does the Administration spend billions of dollars and thousand of lives 'fighting' Communism all over the world, and then throw road blocks around Joe McCarthy, who is really fighting it here at home?"

AS of June 1954, and in spite of all of the betrayals of the past, certain activities are still going on that bid fair—unless America wakes up—to be just as vital steps in the eventual subjugation of the American Republic as any that have taken place before. In other words, the forces that have weakened America—cost us the lives of half a million men, disabled probably a million more, left us with a debt greater than the debts of all other nations put together, and given us such shots of Socialism that the American Republic may never recover—are as powerful as ever.

Indeed the perpetrators of these traitorous activities have grown bolder. Their confidence of success being great, they seem to be showing their hand as never before. This fact, incidentally, while ominous in a sense, should enable our people all the more quickly to realize what is taking place.

We're not saying either Roosevelt or Truman intended to betray their country. But it *was* betrayed by some of their lieutenants. We certainly don't

think Mr. Eisenhower even dreams of betraying his country. But through advice offered by some of those surrounding him (holdovers, most of them, from the previous Administration), which advice has been followed, the country is being exposed to dangers comparable to those suffered as a result of the tragic betrayals of the previous twenty years.

We have in mind the all-out efforts to block the Bricker Amendment, which alone can save us from the loss of our sovereignty; the frantic attempt to prevent further investigation of Communist activities by the Senate Committee on Government Operations; the halting of the Korean war in such a manner as to constitute losing it, and the apparent willingness to involve America in another war in the Far East.

LET us comment on some of these current activities.

First, because it is ever in the news and on TV, we would mention the attacks on Senator McCarthy and on his chief counsel, Roy Cohn. We may be sure that if anything worthy even of serious questioning had taken place in the careers of either of them, it would have been uncovered by now.

What if McCarthy has made mistakes and errors of judgment? Who hasn't? To any fair-minded man, the overwhelming fact is that McCarthy is the greatest enemy Communism ever had in the United States. And we say this with full recognition of the great services of many other men and women. By reason of the very limelight in which he constantly stands, he is able more than any other person to awaken Americans to the fearful dangers of Communism in the United States.

The Communist influence in the White House and in the government departments cannot tolerate this. *They must stop McCarthy if it is possible to do it. They will hesitate at nothing—absolutely nothing—in order to stop him.* It should not escape our attention that bodyguards have been furnished McCarthy. There are apparently those who believe that if he cannot be discredited in the hearings, he can be got rid of in some other way.

Communists are counting particularly on the fact that the American people, after a certain amount of high tension, become weary. The Communists feel that the American public will eventually get tired of the Army-McCarthy business and will lose interest in McCarthy.

Good Americans should retain their interest to the very end, and not let their judgment be based on inadequate information.

If McCarthy is obviously and clearly vindicated and is allowed to resume the work he has been doing, it will be a sad day for American Communists and those who have played with them.

A SECOND present threat to America is the concerted effort among Communists, Socialists and internationalists to tear down the immigration laws of the country. This follows the idea contained in the so-called Covenant of Human Rights that any human being has the right to seek asylum in any country.

We dealt with this subject in Council Letter 334.

A THIRD threat is the continued opposition to the adoption of the Bricker Amendment. As we have pointed out before, there are pending some 200 treaties drawn up by the International Labor Organization, Commission on Human Rights and other UN subsidiary agencies. A treaty duly ratified supersedes any law of the United States, and weakens—if it does not even destroy—inconsistent provisions of the Constitution itself. The Supreme Court has held that even an executive agreement, made by the President alone, is like a treaty, the supreme law of the land.

Therefore, in the absence of an Amendment providing that no treaty or other international agreement which conflicts with the Constitution shall be valid; and providing that no treaty or other international agreement shall be effective as internal law in the United States unless implemented by other legislation, all American life can and will be brought under a totalitarian government.

Since Communists, Socialists and internationalists all are willing to throw away the sovereignty of the United States, for which our ancestors fought, and since the world power to which we would most likely become subject is the Communist International, it is not stretching the truth to say that all who oppose the Bricker Amendment are either Communists or aides of Communism, however little some of them may realize the fact.

A FOURTH threat to our national life is our continued association with and our overwhelming obligations under, the United Nations, so long as the UN remains anything more than a debating

society. The UN might be useful in the world for the airing of views and the debating of proposals, though its presence in the heart of America's greatest city provides easy entrance for Communists into the country. But when the UN or any one of its specialized agencies undertakes to legislate for the world, and in particular for us Americans, it is sheer folly for us to have anything to do with it.

The idea of "collective security," about which One Worlders are prone to talk, is a snare and a delusion. No other nation, except the United States will bow to the dictate of the United Nations unless it believes it to be in its own selfish interest to do so.

America played along with the idea that the war in Korea was a UN war. But the only part the UN played that was of any serious importance *was in preventing us from winning the war.* Only a handful of countries responded to the UN call for aid, and some of these responses were trivial indeed. The United States paid nearly 100 per cent of the cost and suffered nearly 95 percent of the casualties—aside from those of the South Koreans themselves.

LASTLY, we will mention the threat of continued diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia. Already Senator Jenner, Republican of Indiana, and Senator McCarran, Democrat of Nevada, two of the most patriotic legislators in Washington, have jointly introduced Senate Resolution 247 calling for severance of diplomatic relations with Russia and her enslaved satellite nations.

Since the start of all the evils that have befallen us the past 21 years came with Roosevelt's recog-

nition of Soviet Russia in 1933, there can be no better way to start the recovery of America for the American people than a severance of those relations.

The Soviet Embassy in Washington is simply a center of espionage. So long as diplomatic relations continue between Soviet Russia and the United States, we can be certain that Soviet Russian infiltration is going ever deeper into American life.

Most of the "16 steps" of Letter 336 are water over the dam—they are *fait accompli*, as the diplomats say. But here we have the Soviet government represented right in our midst, plotting constantly to destroy our Republic and to murder any American who stands in the way of world Communism.

All this doesn't *have* to go on. We don't *have* to proceed with our own suicide.

Why not pass Senate Resolution 247?

If you think it should be passed, write your two Senators—today.

Melvin L. Hart

President,

NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL, Inc.

CORRECTION

In Letter 336 we stated that an officer in the CIA had given a memorandum to Senator McCarthy. It was of course an *Army* Intelligence officer.

NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC., established in 1930, is a non-profit, non-partisan membership corporation organized under New York State law. It publishes the semi-monthly ECONOMIC COUNCIL LETTER and occasional ECONOMIC COUNCIL PAPERS and COUNCIL REVIEW OF BOOKS. Subscription for these publications, combined, \$10 a year. Special rate for student or teacher, \$5.

EXTRA COPIES of this Council Letter 15c each (8 for \$1), \$9 per 100, \$50 per 1000.

Special prices will be quoted for larger quantities. Please add 3% sales tax for deliveries in Greater New York and 4% shipping charges on quantities of 100 or more.

National Economic Council, Inc., Empire State Building, New York 1, N. Y.
903 First National Bank Bldg., Utica 2, N. Y.